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REQUEST FOR A NEW OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

On January 14, 2004 an Office Action was mailed requiring restriction to the inventions defined in claims 1-22. However, in the Preliminary Amendment of September 10, 2001 claims 1-22 were cancelled and replaced with new claims 23-40. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider the new claims and determine whether restriction is appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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